

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on March 30, 2007 at 3:28 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 391, 3/29/2007; SB 423,  
3/29/2007; SB 442, 3/29/2007  
Executive Action: SB 442

**HEARING ON SB 391**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:59 Sen. Dan Weinberg (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 391, conservation easements on state land.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:50 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Land Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:07:49 Kathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCollough, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction,

00:09:13 Joe Brenneman, Chairman, Flathead Valley Board of Commissioners

00:13:31 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT**(feh68a01)

00:16:24 Rep. Jopek, Whitefish

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:46 Ellen Engsted, Montana Wood Products Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:18 Rep. Thomas

00:26:36 Rep. Jopek

00:26:56 Mr. Schultz

00:27:39 Rep. Gallik

00:28:55 Sen. Weinberg

00:30:21 Rep. Gallik

00:31:01 Sen. Weinberg

00:34:03 Rep. Gallik

00:34:31 Mr. Schultz

00:38:01 Rep. Olson

00:38:15 Mr. Schultz

00:39:10 Rep. Olson

00:39:14 Mr. Schultz

00:40:04 Ms. Engsted

00:40:47 Rep. Olson

00:41:21 Ms. Engsted

00:42:35 Rep. Olson

00:42:48 Sen. Weinberg

00:43:25 Rep. Boggio

00:43:54 Mr. Schultz

00:44:37 Rep. Boggio  
00:45:56 Mr. Schultz  
00:46:22 Rep. Boggio  
00:46:30 Mr. Schultz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:08 Sen. Weinberg

**HEARING ON SB 442**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:28 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 442, revise environmental laws for abandoned mines reclamation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:16 Sandy Olson, Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality

**EXHIBIT(feh68a02)**

00:53:45 Julia Page, Beartooth Alliance, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:54:33 Joe Aline, Shumaker Trucking and Excavating, Great Falls

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:30 Sen. Kaufmann

**HEARING ON SB 423**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:57:18 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 423, revise laws relating to mercury containing products.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:40 Erin Thompson, Women's Voices for the Earth

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a04\)](#)

01:11:33 Pei Yuan Tsou, Women's Voices for the Earth

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a05\)](#)

01:14:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of  
Montana

01:14:56 Anna Peterson, Montana Environmental Information Center

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:15:54 Louise Moore, Department of Environmental Quality

01:16:19 Jamie Silberberger, Women's Voices for the Earth

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a07\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:23 Rep. Driscoll

01:19:36 Sen. Kaufmann

01:20:22 Rep. Olson

01:20:39 Ms. Moore

01:20:46 Rep. Olson

01:20:53 Ms. Moore

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:37 Sen. Kauffman

[EXHIBIT\(feh68a08\)](#)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 442**

01:24:24 **Motion:** Rep. Groesbeck moved that SB 442 **BE CONCURRED  
IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:24:49 Rep. Olson

01:25:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.  
Windy Boy, Rep. Gallik and Rep. Himmelberger voted by  
proxy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

01:25:45 Adjournment: 4:53 P.M.

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REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

AO/cp

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([feh68aad.pdf](#))**